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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of July 23, 1964, requesting that this Bureau exhibit a copy of the photograph of the unidentified individual depicted in the President's Commission Exhibit Number 237 to Mr. Evaristo Gilberto Rodriguez for purposes of possible identification.

For your information, we contacted Mr. Rodriguez in this matter on July 30, 1964, and exhibited to him the photograph of the unidentified individual depicted in the President's Commission Exhibit Number 237 along with photographs of five other individuals who have no connection with the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated July 31, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which sets forth results of our contact with Mr. Rodriguez in this matter.

This concludes our investigation in this particular inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Bar as described by RODRIGUEZ on May 12, 1964. He again reviewed all six of these photographs and remarked that the person depicted in one of the photographs (which is identical to President's Commission Exhibit Number 237), has shoulders which resemble those of the man whom RODRIGUEZ had seen with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Habana Bar as described by RODRIGUEZ on May 12, 1964. RODRIGUEZ stated, however, that the person depicted in that photograph (identical with President's Commission Exhibit Number 237) did not resemble the man RODRIGUEZ had seen with OSWALD in the Habana Bar in any other way except for the way his hair receded on the sides of his head.

RODRIGUEZ then reiterated that the person depicted in the photograph which is identical to the President's Commission Exhibit Number 237 was not identical with the man RODRIGUEZ had seen with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Habana Bar.

In response to inquiry, RODRIGUEZ explained that on the occasion when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was seen by RODRIGUEZ in the Habana Bar with another man, RODRIGUEZ did not clearly see the face of the man who had accompanied LEE HARVEY OSWALD to the Habana Bar. RODRIGUEZ added that he recalls the physical build of the man who accompanied OSWALD to the Habana Bar better than his face. However, RODRIGUEZ was positive that the man depicted in the photograph which is identical to the President's Commission Exhibit Number 237 was not identical to the man that RODRIGUEZ had observed with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Habana Bar as described by RODRIGUEZ to Special Agents of the FBI on May 12, 1964.